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GOOD NEWES OUT OF THE WEST,

Declared in a Letter sent from Lieueenant Generall CROMWEL,

To a worthy Member of the House of COMMONS.

Shewing what great things God hath done by small means.

Two thousand slain and taken prisoners: Also fifteen hundred Horse taken beside Bag and Baggage.

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THE COPY OF LIEUTENANT GENERALL CROMVVEL HIS LETTER TO

To a worthy Member of the Houſe of COMMONS.

Deare Sir

I Have now a double advantage upon you, through the goodneſſe of God, who ſtill appeares with us. And as for us, we have ſeen great things in this laſt mercy: It is not inferior to any we have had, as followeth:

Wee were advanced to *Long-Sutton*, neere a very ſtrong Place of the Enemies, called *Lamport*, farre from our owne Garriſons, without much

much Ammunition, in a place extreamly wanting in proviſions, the malignant Club-men interpoſing, who are ready to take all advantages againſt our parties, and would undoubtedly take them againſt our Armie, if they had opportunity. *Goring* ſtood upon the advantage of ſtrong paſſes, ſtaying untill the reſt of his retreats came up to his Army, with a reſolution not to engage, untill *Greenvill* and Prince CHARLES his men were come up to him. We could not well have neceſſitated him to an Engagement, nor have ſtayed one day longer without retreating to our Ammunition, and to conveniency of victuall.

In the morning word was brought us, That the enemy drew out He did ſo, with a reſolution to ſend moſt of his Cannon and Baggage, to *Bridgewater*, which he effected: But with a reſolution not to fight; but truſting to his ground, thinking he could march away at pleaſure.

The paſſe was ſtrait between him and us, he brought two Cannons to ſecure his, and laid his Muskettiers ſtrongly in the hedges: wee beat off his Cannon, fell down upon his Musket-

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tiers, beat them off from their ſtrength; and where our horſe could ſcarcely paſſe two a breaſt, I commanded Major *Bether* to charge them with two Troops of about an hundred and twenty Horſe, which he performed with the greateſt gallantry imaginable, beat back two bodies of the enemies Horſe, being *Gorings* owne Brigade, brake them at Swords point. The enemy charged him with neer four hundred freſh Horſe. He ſet them all going, untill oppreſſed with multitudes, he brake through them with the loſſe not of above three or foure men. Major *Desborough* ſeconded him with ſome other of thoſe Troops, which were about three, *Bether* faced about, & they both ranted at ſwords point, a great body of the enemies Horſe; which gave ſuch an unexpected terror to the enemies Army, that ſet them all a running. Our Foot in the mean time coming on bravely, and beating the enemy from their ſtrength, we preſently had the chaſe to *Lamport* and *Bridgewater*. We took and killed about 2000, brake all his Foot: We have taken very many Horſe, and conſiderable priſoners; what are ſlain we know not, we have the Lieutenant Generall of the Ordnance, Col: *Preſton*,

ſton, Colonel *Hevenyngſham*, Colonel *Slingsbey*, we know of: beſides very many other Officers of quality. All Major Generall *Maſsies* party was with him 7 or 8 miles from us, and about 1200 of our Foot, and 3 Regiments of our Horſe: ſo that we had but 7 Regiments with us.

Thus you ſee what the Lord hath wrought for us: Can any creature aſcribe any thing to it ſelfe? Now can we give all the glory to God, and deſire all may doe ſo: for it is all due unto him. Thus you have *Long-Sutton* mercy added to *Naesby* mercy: And to ſee this, is it not to ſee the face of God? You have heard of *Naesby*, it was a happy victory: As in this, ſo in that, God was pleaſed to uſe his ſervants; and if men will be malicious, and ſwell with envy, we know who hath ſaid, If they will not ſee, yet they ſhall ſee and be aſhamed for their envy at his people. I can ſay this of *Naeby*, that when I ſaw the enemy drew up, and march in gallant order towards us, and we a company of poore ignorant men to ſeek how to order our battell: The Generall having commanded mee to order all the Horſe, I could not (riding alone about my buſineſſe) but ſmile out to God in praiſes, in aſſurance of victory,

ctory, becauſe God would by things that are not, bring to nought things that are, of which I had great aſſurance, and God did it. Oh that men would therefore praiſe the Lord, and declare the wonders that he doth for the children of men.

I cannot write more particulars now, I am going to the Rendevouz of all our Horſe, 3 miles from *Bridgewater*, we march that way. It is a ſeaſonable mercy; I can better tell you then write, that God will goe on. We have taken two Guns, three Carriages of Ammunition in the Chaſe. The enemy quitted *Lamport*: when they ran out at one end of the town, we entred the other: they fiered that at which we ſhould chaſe, which hindered our purſuit, but wee over-took many of them. I beleeve wee got neere fifteen hundred horſe. Sir, I beg your Prayers: Beleeve and you ſhall be eſtabliſhed, I reſt,

Your Servant.

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